

contract transportation services; indemnity claims made for damage or loss to certain classes of mail; employee travel; capital investments such as facility projects; mortgages on postal-owned properties; administrative tort claims; and various other equipment, supplies, and services procured by the Postal Service.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Name, address, and taxpayer identification number (or social security number) of creditor; amount, status, and history of the purchase or lease including invoices and control documents; and payment history including any adjustments.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

39 U.S.C. 401, 404, and 1206; Public Law 104-134.

PURPOSE(S):

Information within this system is used to verify charges for goods and services received; to assure charges are properly authorized and services and materials are delivered; to offset any delinquent debts the creditor owes to the federal government; and to promptly pay creditors.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

General routine use statements a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, and m listed in the prefatory statement at the beginning of the Postal Service's published system notices apply to this system. Other routine uses follow:

1. Disclosure of information about individuals on whom the Postal Service has established accounts payable may be made to the Department of the Treasury for cross-matching under its Treasury Offset Program. Disclosure will be limited to information needed to establish the identity of the individual as a delinquent debtor of another federal agency and to offset the payment to pay the debt.

2. Disclosure of the name and address of the owner of leased property, or of the payee when different from the owner, may be made upon request.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper and computer storage media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Name of creditor and taxpayer identification number (Social Security number, if an individual).

SAFEGUARDS:

Hard copy records and computers containing information within this system of records are located in a building with controlled access. Access to the building and to controlled areas within the building is restricted by the use of guards and authorized badges and/or card keys. Computer systems are protected with an installed security software package, the use of computer log-on IDs, and operating system controls. Access is limited by those means to persons whose duties require such access.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

a. See the following systems descriptions for retentions of accounts payable-related records: USPS 050.010; 050.040; 160.010; 160.020; 200.020; and 200.030.

b. Stop Payment Cases. Cut off the file at the end of each calendar year. Destroy 8 years from the date of cutoff.

c. Notice of Remittances Received. Cut off the file each fiscal year. Destroy 8 years from the date of cutoff.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

VICE PRESIDENT, CONTROLLER, U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, 475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW., WASHINGTON DC 20260-5200.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals wanting to know whether information about them is maintained in this system of records must address inquiries in writing to the system manager. Inquiries must contain the individual's name and taxpayer identification number (or social security number).

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Requests for access must be made in accordance with the Notification Procedure above and the Postal Service Privacy Act regulations regarding access to records and verification of identity under 39 CFR 266.6.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See Notification Procedure and Record Access Procedures above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information is furnished by Postal Service creditors, employees, supervisors, and accounting systems and by other federal agencies to whom the creditor is delinquently indebted. Some information may be duplicated in other Privacy Act systems of records including USPS 010.030, 050.010,

050.040, 160.010, 160.020, 200.020 and 200.030.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Privacy Act of 1974, System of Records

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of the addition of a new routine use and modifications to an existing system of records; correction.

SUMMARY: In notice document 97-12267 beginning on page 25980 in the issue of Monday, May 12, 1997, the Postal Service published a notice of the addition of a new routine use and modifications to existing system of records USPS 140.020, Postage—Postage Meter Records.

On page 25981 in the second column, line four from the bottom, the last four words of routine use No. 1 were dropped. Routine use No. 1 is corrected to read:

1. The name and address of a meter user, and the name of any person applying for a permit on behalf of the user, may be disclosed to any member of the public provided that the requester at the time of the request supplies the applicable meter serial number and the name or ZIP Code of the licensing post office as they appear in meter indicia.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Determination of Quarterly Rate of Excise Tax for Railroad Retirement Supplemental Annuity Program

In accordance with directions in section 3221(c) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act (26 U.S.C., section 3221(c)), the Railroad Retirement Board has determined that the excise tax imposed by such Section 3221(c) on every employer, with respect to having individuals in his employ, for each work-hour for which compensation is paid by such employer for services rendered to him during the quarter beginning July 1, 1997, shall be at the rate of 35 cents.

In accordance with directions in Section 15(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, the Railroad Retirement Board has determined that for the